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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN CAP IMPORT PROTECTION FOR POULTRY PRODUCTS

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1. ON JULY 25 MISSION OFFICERS DISCUSSED THE INCREASED EC LEVELS
OF PROTECTION FOR POULTRY WITH FIELDING,THE EC COMMISSION'S DIRECTOR
FOR
NORTH AMERICAN RELATIONS,AND OTHER OFFICIALS FROM THE COMMISSION'S
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DIRECTORATES GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATION AND AGRICULTURE. THE MISSI

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OFFICERS WENT OVER THE POINTS IN REFTEL AND STRESSED BOTH THE PROBABLE SEVERE EFFECT ON U.S. TURKEY EXPORTS AND THE IMPACT THIS COULD HAVE ON U.S. ATTITUDES TOWARD THE COMMUNITY.

2. MUCH OF THE COMMISSION OFFICIALS' RESPONSE CONCENTRATED ON THE QUESTION OF RISING COSTS OF PRODUCTION FOR POULTRY, WHICH THEIR PROTECTIVE SYSTEM WAS TAKING ACCOUNT OF, BUT WHICH DECLINING U.S. POULTRY PRICES, IN THEIR VIEW, INEXPLICABLY DO NOT REFLECT. FIELDING DID FINALLY NOTE THAT IT COULD NOT BE THE COMMUNITY'S DESIRE TO CUT DEEPLY INTO AN ESTABLISHED U.S. MARKET. WE EMPHASIZED THE IRRELEVANCY AND INACCURACY OF HIS PRODUCTION COSTS ARGUMENT. HOWEVER, WHILE HE SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO GIVE US A PROMPT RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE SCHEDULED AUGUST 1 GATE PRICE INCREASES, HE HELD OUT NO HOP THAT THE RESPONSE WOULD BE POSITIVE. (IN FACT, SINCE TALKING WITH FIELDING WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE GATE PRICES AND BASE LEVIES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1 (SEPTEMBER) HAD ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION ON JULY 23 IN OJ L 202 OF JULY 24). FIELDING SUGGESTED THAT IF THE U.S. WISHES, THIS MATTER COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA FOR THE FORTHCOMING US-EC AGRICULTURAL CONSULTATIONS. WE AGREED.

3. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO RAISED THIS SUBJECT WITH COMMISSIONERS LARDINOIS (JULY 24) AND SOAMES (JULY 25). LARDINOIS PROFESSED IGNORANCE OF THE DEVELOPMENTS SUMMARIZED IN REFTEL, BUT SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER. SOAMES WAS EQUALLY UNFAMILIAR WITH THE FACTS, BUT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HAVING THE MATTER CONSIDERED BY HIS EXTERNAL RELATIONS PEOPLE AS WELL AS THE AGRICULTURAL TYPES. GREENWALD

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